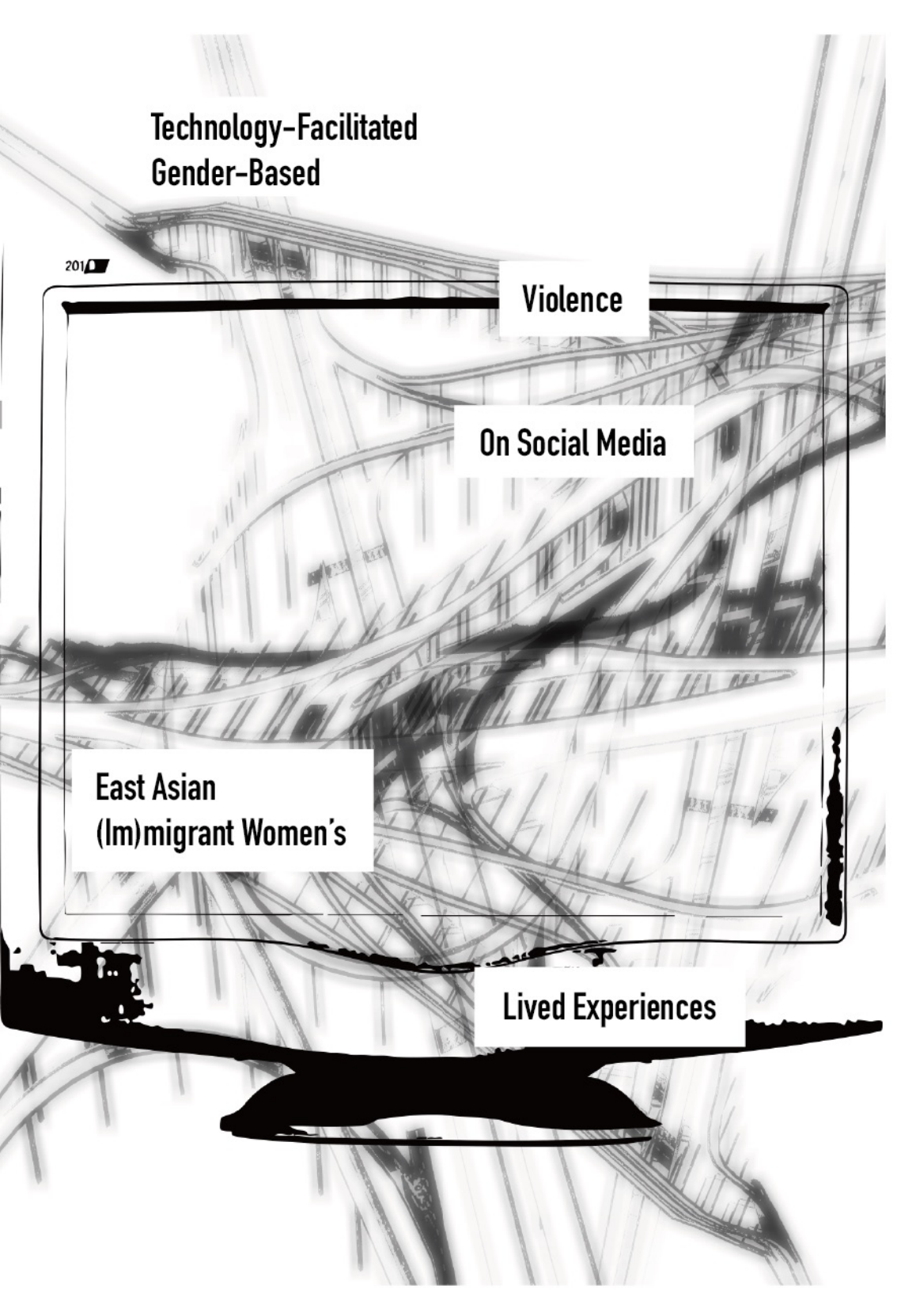
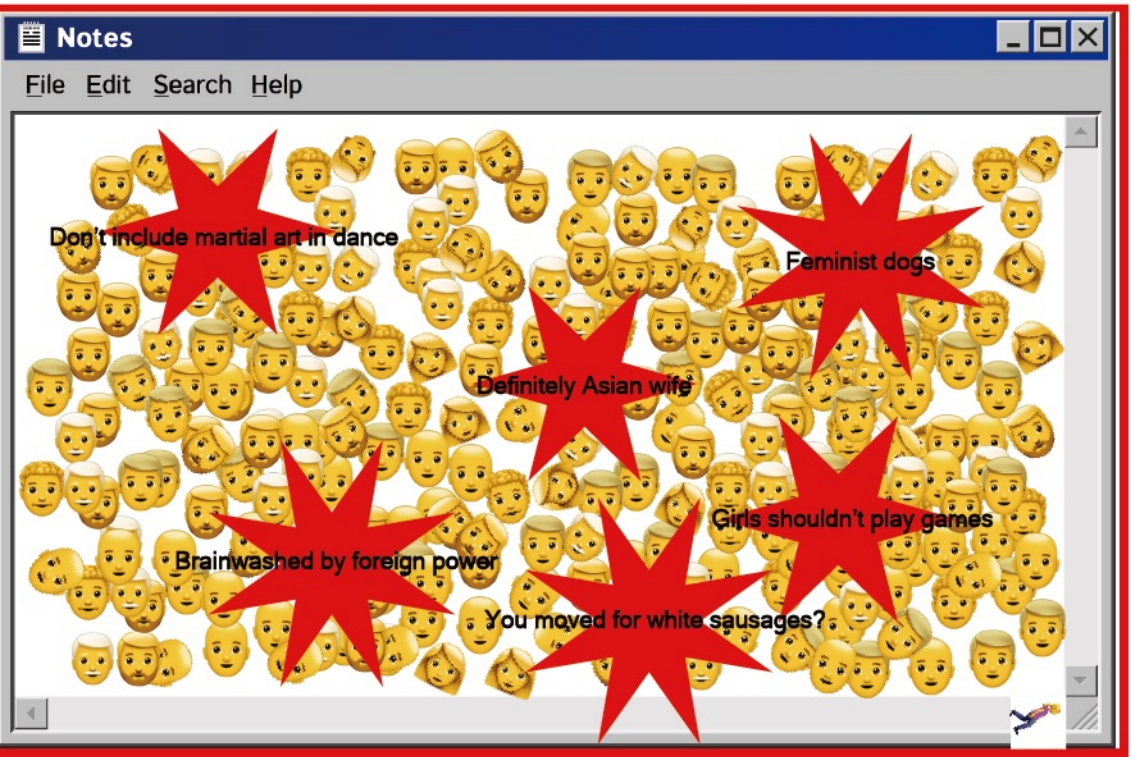
Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence On Social Media





"I can't help going back and check all content I've posted." "I rarely posted about my personal feelings on any social media." "I now obscure my stance when posting about games." "My way of using social media has changed." "I haven't commented on any foreign creators' posts anymore." "I won't be so open about my thoughts online anymore."

“I feel very angry, very frustrated.” “In the end I would feel very annoyed.” “There is too much, and I’m tired to engage - it just feels very annoying.” “It does make me feel uneasy.” “I feel very annoyed and frustrated.” “They’ve gone too far.” “It feels slightly uncomfortable, though I don’t care too much.” “It does’t truly affect my mood.” “A little bit creepy.” “That’s ridiculous.” “Feeling anxious.” “Every time I received these kinds of messages, my hands would tremble a bit.” “I can’t think of anything at all, and I keep thinking about how to respond to them.” “I don’t have energy anymore.” “The more angry I get, the more I feel like discussing the topic.” “But it also makes me feel a bit scared.” “I experienced burnout.” “I feel somewhat drained.” “I genuinely feel a constant sense of fatigue.” “But online, I still want to present myself as not being too weak or too vulnerable.” “A friend told me this is called “dissociation.” “Online harassment is scarier because it’s unpredictable.” “Pulling you into another kind of vulnerability and helplessness.” “I felt really disheartened and deeply hurt.” “I also have severe depression and a past history of suicidal behavior. So during that time, it made me extremely angry.” “My mental state was really bad.” “I was mad like a crazy woman in the attic.” “It’s disgust really made me feel awful for two weeks. I think it’s so, unfair and digusting. Do you understand?” “I stopped going out, I didn’t dare and at my worst, I even lost interest in the things I loved. I stopped drawing, stopped tattooing, stopped going to parties, dancing, or singing. I completely changed. I just locked myself at home every day and fell into a deep depression.” “I was extremely scared. I think it’s not just a unfairness, it’s systematic oppression.” “when I think back on it now. It felt like something was stuck in my throat, this overwhelming nausea.”

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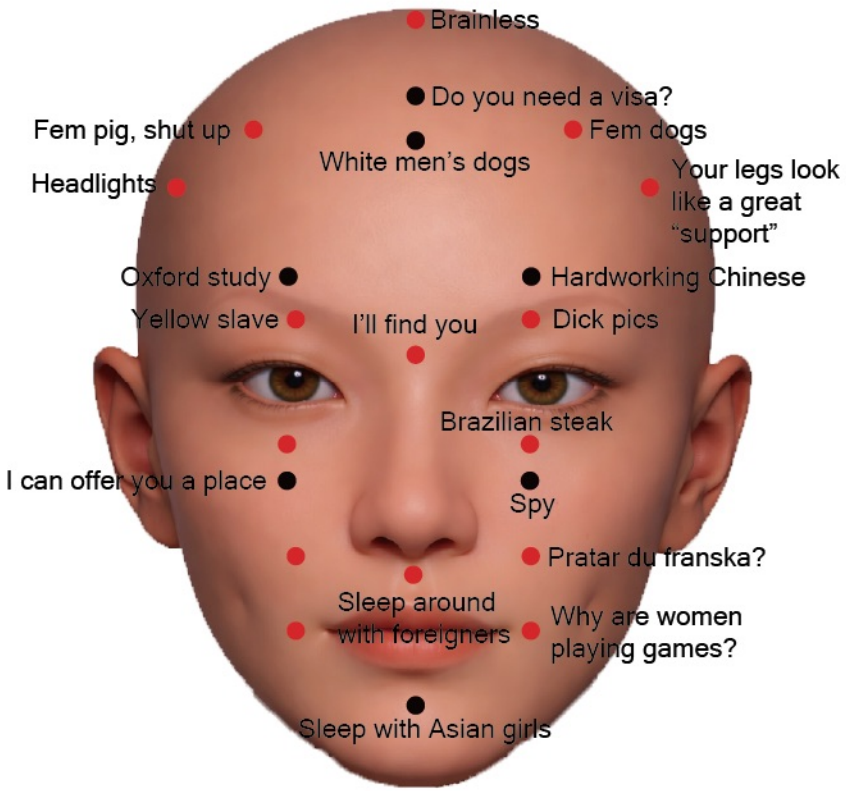
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[sexist & racist remarks]

She mentioned that on TikTok she often receives DMs from white men age 40 and above. Many of them have stereotypes about Asian girls as “easy girls” who would have sex with them in exchange for a visa. One stranger once messaged her: “Do you need a visa? Do you want to marry me?”

Pratar du franska?

[sexist remarks & grouped trolling & stalking]

Just because she commented “Pratar du franska?” under a French man’s post on Douyin and her IP address is overseas, she received hundreds of malicious comments and stigmatizing remarks from Chinese men. The attacks even spread to her friends and boyfriend–some men messaged them asking, “Do you know your friend/girlfriend is selling sex?”